From: SGA
To: students
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Dear Students,

We want to offer our support and solidarity with peers from Asian American, Asian, and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities at the end of a very difficult week. The recent shootings in Georgia that resulted in the murders of 8 people, 6 of whom are of Asian descent, are detestable instances of targeted violence. The victims were Soon Chung Park, Hyun Jung Grant, Suncha Kim, Yong Ae Yue, Delaina Ashley Yaun, Paul Andre Michels, Xiaojie Tan, and Daoyou Feng.

It is important to acknowledge the racism and sexism that Asian American women and femme folx endure every day. Furthermore, let us directly call out the roles that racialized misogyny, hypersexualization, and fetishization of Asian women played in these attacks. Anti-Asian rhetoric used by the Trump administration before and during the COVID-19 pandemic has made Asian folx a target. Discrimination and violence against Asian communities are not new phenomena; they are products of long-standing, harmful stereotypes rooted in antiquated systems of Orientalism and American imperialism.

To our AAPI community: we stand in solidarity with you. We will reach out shortly to cultural, affinity, and activist organizations representing Asian students.

To the rest of our Middlebury community, we ask that you check in with your friends and fellow community members; ask them how they are doing and how you can support them. If you are in need of any additional support, please reach out to any of the members of the SGA.

With care,

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